



A Flying Start for Queensland Children

Getting ready for school

One of the key areas the Government is seeking discussion around is preparing children for the start of school.

Research shows that investment in early childhood education plays an important part in reducing children's developmental vulnerability and improving their readiness for school.

We want to improve children's wellbeing, school readiness and learning outcomes and parents, carers and the community can assist.

We have launched a statewide awareness campaign to encourage parents and families to read to their children every day to develop early literacy skills.

We are also enlisting an army of "Queensland Ready Readers" to volunteer in our primary schools to help our youngest students with their reading. Research shows the extra one-on-one time can be invaluable for children who are struggling with their reading skills.

The State Government is making the biggest investment ever in early childhood education in Queensland. We are making sure that by 2014, every child in Queensland has access to a quality kindy program run by qualified teachers in the year prior to Prep in community-based kindergartens, on school sites and through long day care centres.

To support children's preparation for school, the Government wants to know what you think could be done to help encourage more families to read to young children, how we can support volunteers in our schools and what we can do to encourage you to volunteer as a Queensland Ready Reader.

For more information on the discussion paper *A Flying Start for Queensland Children*, visit: www.qld.gov.au
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